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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
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Hongkong, December 1, 1893.

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STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
HAMA and VLADIVOSTOK.)

THE S.S. KUMAMOTO MARU, Capt.
DUMMOND, due here on or about the
20th Instant, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 4 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.
Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe, and to the Vladivostok at
Nagasaki.
For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Office, Praya Central, Ground
Floor of Messrs Russell & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 23, 1894.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUET, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;

ALSO,

DOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PRESTAN,
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S** Steam-ship
DELICIA, Captain J. HERRIES, with
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY
AND SUET CANAL, on TUESDAY, the
5th February, at 4 p.m.
Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo. Ten and General
Cargo for London will be conveyed
and delivered without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
The Captain and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bill of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pas-
sengers for MARSEILLES.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1894.

Insurance.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underinsured, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1892.

NOTICE.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.**

THE Underinsured are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 3
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1891.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

JAN. 31, 1894.

Stocks. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Bank. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

INSURANCE. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Union Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China Trans. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Insurance. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

O'Connell Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Chinese Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

U.K. Fire Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China Fire Ins. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

STEAM COMPANIES. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

HK. C. and M. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Scamboat. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Indo-China S. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Nav. Co. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China & Manilla **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

S.S. Coy. Ltd. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

MISCELLANEOUS. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

HK. & Wharves **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

HK. & China **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China Hotel. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

China Sugar. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Hkong Tea Co. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Hkong Bakery **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Lazoo Sugar Co. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Perak Tin Min- **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

ing & Smelting **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Company. **Value.** **Reserve.** **Working** **Last Dividend** **Dividend** **Cash.**

Insurance.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE).

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underinsured are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1893.

**THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.**

THE Underinsured having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are hereby
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George the First,
A.D. 1720.

THE Underinsured having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are hereby
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
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here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SACHALIE"

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships
Indus and *Grange*, from London, in con-
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods—with the exception
of Opium, Tobacco and Valuables—are
being landed and stored at their risk at
the Company's Godowns, whence delivery
may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees before 10 a.m. To-day, the 30th
Instant, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after WEDNES-
DAY, the 30th February, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me before
the 8th February or they will not be re-
cognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 30, 1894.

**FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship *Fronta*, Capt. PATZ-
SCH, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day, the 25th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
29th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SILSMEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 25, 1894.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**S. S. "KUMAMOTO MARU" FROM
KOBE AND NAGASAKI.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impounding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after MONDAY, the 28th
Instant, will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.

Hongkong, January 26, 1894.

Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—**

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Repetto.—Musso & Co.

BONNE LASSIE, British barque, Capt. F.
Clarke.—Gilman & Co.

CHARLEY, British barque, Captain J. C.
Ouchthorn.—Order.

DAKOTA, American ship, Captain J. E.
Gilkey.—Order.

MARIE LOUISE, German barque, Capt. N.
Behring.—Molchers & Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt.
Jas. Mahor.—Butterfield & Swire.

SCANDINAVIA, British steamer, Captain
Foulner.—Russell & Co.

TYTANIA, Austro-Hungarian str., Captain
G. Marussig.—Molchers & Co.

WILHELM, German barque, Captain W.
Spiegelberg.—Siemssen & Co.

WILHELM HOMER, Ger. barque, Capt.
W. Holtz.—G. R. Lammert.

To-day's Advertisements.

CIGARS.

J. M. FLEMING'S "Specials" and
"Square Smokes" in boxes of 100
each. **THE COMPANY GENERAL'S** "Prin-
cesses" in boxes of 50.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

Hongkong, January 31, 1894.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

DAVIS & D'ANGELO, Lessees.

SATURDAY EVENING,

the 2nd February, 1894.

THE LOTUS TROUPE

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H. J. DYKON'S CELEBRATED

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This famous comedy enjoyed the longest
and most successful run in the City of Lon-
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Theatre over fifteen hundred consecutive
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Cities of South Africa and America.

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**SIR GIFFORD CHAM-
BERLAIN** (a Country Mag-
istrate).....Mr. Jeff. D'Angelo.

TAYLOR CLARKE (his Son).....C. J. Barber.

PERKINS MIDDLEWICK, of Devonshire House
(a retired Barrister).....F. W. Oakland.

CHARLES MIDDLEWICK
(his Son).....Barley O'Brien.

KEMPTER (Sir Geoffrey's
Man Servant).....J. W. Allen.

PODDLES (Middlewicks
Butler).....Howard.

VIOLET MIDDLEWICK (an
Heiress).....Miss Minnie Nord.

MARY MIDDLEWICK (his
poor Cousin).....Victoria Loftus.

	39,	Medora,	Cardiff
Dec.	30,	Leri O. Wade,	Cardiff
	31,	Leichish,	Cardiff
	1,	Willies Stranbourg (s.),	Antwerp
	3,	Eileas,	Cardiff
	7,	Harter (s.),	London
	8,	Antenor (s.),	London
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Honnauw,
Forest King,
Marina,
At Middlesborough.
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THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Tenth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are important in the minds of students of the "Far East," and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive Notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

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"On the amount of 'recognition' (that and show) of Peking, showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880."—Notes on the Date, Occupation of Peking, by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of "The Divine Classics of Han-Na," and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—North-China Daily News.

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"The 'Short Journeys in Szechuan' are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Baifour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Ching, founder of the Chinese Republic,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Oases in Western Borneo and Java' might advantageously have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—H.K. Daily Press.

Thurner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judged by the number of copies ordered, is in the highest position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by their accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to note that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary power to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Fadoh, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, stoves, Matches, Liquids, Explosives, &c.), Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosives, &c. Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without out intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the loss of any Registered article, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked a., near the Kowloon shore b., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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2. From Gas Works to the P. & O. Co.'s Factory.

3. From P. & O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.